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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:  
HOUSTON et al.

Appln. No.: PCT/AU00/01064

Filed: Concurrently herewith

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For: EXHAUST GAS TREATMENT METHOD AND DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 8, 2002

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 4, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37, 39, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 82, 83, 84, 89, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 99 & 100 as follows:

a1  
4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the second set of conditions include exhaust gases at a relatively high exhaust gas temperature.

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7. (Amended) A method according to claim 2, including measuring the exhaust gas temperature at the first catalyst converter.

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10. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, including controlling the temperature of the exhaust gas temperature of the engine by appropriate operation of